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Mr. Matt Chapman
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RE: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST
REQUEST RECEIPT DATE: July 8, 2019
FOIA FILE NO.: P504159

Dear Mr. Chapman:

The Chicago Police Department is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the following:

"A list of all ALPR Operators in 2019. Please include badge number, first name, last name, email address."

As permitted by 5 ILCS 140/3(e), the time was extended in order to conduct a thorough search for these records. A search of our records was conducted based upon the parameters provided. It is determined that your request is seeking records with specialized data that CPD does not compile or maintain in the ordinary course of business. Please be advised that CPD does not have accurate records that reflect the information you are seeking. Thus, CPD has no responsive records for your request.

Please note that the FOIA requires a public body to provide records according to section 5 ILCS 140/3(a); "Each public body shall make available all public records, except as otherwise provided in section 7 of this act." FOIA, however; does not require the public body to create new records. The Illinois Appellate Court noted in *Kenyon v. Garrels*, 184 ILL. App. 3rd 28, 32(4th Dist. 1989) that FOIA "....is not designed to compel the compilation of data the governmental body does not ordinarily keep." Please be advised that the CPD does not track the operators of the APLRs. While specific cars have the APLRs the assignments change on a day-to-day basis and all officers are trained to operate the APLRs.

You have a right of review by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706, by telephone at (877)299-3642, fax at (217)782-1396, or email at publicaccess@atg.state.il.us. You also have the right to seek judicial review by filing a lawsuit in Cook County Circuit Court.

Sincerely,

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